THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration of the Ministry.

Forgery of judicial records in Patna High Court

578. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been instances of forgery/falsification of judicial records in Patna High Court resulting in filing of appeals in the same court on verdicts already delivered by a Division Bench of the same court;

(b) if so, whether investigation have been ordered on the remifications of this racket and whether involvement of court staff and members of the Bar Association has been established; and

(c) the action being initiated against the involved persons including the litigants?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITELY): (a) to (c) The Bench of the Patna High Court presided over by Hon'ble the Chief Justic and Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.N. Prasad *vide* order dated 8th August, 2002 passed in L.P.A. No. 859 of 2002, has directed the Registrar General of the Court to hold an enquiry in the matter. The Bench has further been pleased *vide* order dated 22nd October, 2002 to file complaint before the Chief Judicial Magistrate against the concerned persons under Chapter XI of Indian Penal Code, 1860. Besides, four members of the High Court staff have been placed under suspension.

Women Reservation Bill

579. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the proposal to introduce the long pending Bill reserving one-third of seats for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislatures during the current Budget Session of the Parliament; and